

RECOGNIZING BOB McGRATH FOR  
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S  
FESTIVAL

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob McGrath for his commitment to educating and entertaining children and for his contributions to the International Children's Festival.

Mr. McGrath is most often referred to as "Bob on Sesame Street" where he has performed for 34 years, but he is also an accomplished musician and successful author. He began his professional career singing and recording with the Robert Shaw Chorale and Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. He later spent five years as the featured tenor soloist on Mitch Miller's series, "Sing Along With Mitch", and traveled to Japan to expand his resume ultimately resulting in a career that has afforded him the opportunity to appear with over 100 symphony orchestras. His successful children's albums have sold over half a million copies, and some have received recognition from the Parents' Choice Award and the American Library Association. He has also utilized his talent by writing children's books. For example, *Oops! Excuse Me Please! And Other Mannerly Tales* has educated countless children about the importance of manners. Mr. McGrath's other books have effectively taught children life skills, and most have received tremendous acclaim.

Among his many professional accomplishments, Mr. McGrath has dedicated his time to serve as Chairperson of National UNICEF day, host of the United Nations celebration for the "Rights of the Child", and host for World Children's Day at the UN General Assembly. Most notably, he has generously acted as host and consultant for seventeen consecutive years for the International Children's Festival held in Vienna, Virginia. Each year the International Children's Festival is produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County in cooperation with the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and the National Park Service. Since 1971, the Festival has allowed children from all over the world to come together and share cultural traditions through the international language of the arts. Much of the success of the Festival can be attributed to Mr. McGrath's efforts and expertise.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank Mr. McGrath for his continued support of the International Children's Festival. I call upon my colleagues to join me in recognizing his accomplishments, and wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CROATIAN  
SONS LODGE NUMBER 170 ON  
98TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons

Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its 98th Anniversary and Golden Member banquet on Sunday, October 16, 2005.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved 50 years of membership. This year's honorees that have attained 50 years of membership include: James Andrew Blaney, Mary Ann Ciochina, Ann Fadell (deceased), Patricia Janjecic, Mary Ann Kasperan, Leonard J. Klarich, Margaret M. Lacko, Gloria J. Miller, Marie Morgan, Theresa Peretin, Johanna M. Petruch, Janis Marie Ramirez, Steve John Ratajec, Matthew Sedey, Petar Seibal, Thomas Sencaj, Vilma Stipancic, Kathy R. Sut, Margaret Jean Tomich, Roy P. Vale, Steven J. Vician, Magdaline M. Wagner, Carole J. Waters, Paul William Yurkas, John Zamko, Bernard Zemen, and Helen Zemen.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with approximately 455 additional Lodge members who have previously attained this important designation.

This memorable day will begin with a morning mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating. The Banat Tamburitza Orchestra will perform at this gala event. A formal dinner banquet at 3:30 in the afternoon will end the day's festivities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge president Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH-  
MENTS OF DR. ELIZABETH  
SPANGLER

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of a friend and fellow West Virginian, Dr. Elizabeth Spangler.

On August 27, 2005, Dr. Spangler became the first woman to take office as President of the West Virginia State Medical Association. Prior to her installation, Dr. Spangler held other leadership roles within the State Medical Association including Vice President and Vice Speaker for the Association's House of Delegates.

Dr. Spangler first began her career in health care as a graduate from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield, Massachusetts. After practicing as a registered nurse for 23 years, she earned her medical degree from the Marshall University School of Medicine, and then completed her residency in internal medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine, Charleston Division.

In 1989, after 8 years as a primary care provider and medical director at Health Right

Clinic of Charleston, Dr. Spangler was named medical director of medical affairs at Charleston Area Medical Center. She has held other medical management positions including medical director of the School Health Services Home Health Agency; Vice President of Clinical Affairs for outpatient services at CAMC, and interim Chief Medical Officer at Carelink Health Plus. Finally, in 1999, she was named Vice President for Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for CAMC.

Dr. Spangler's list of accomplishments has grown over the years to include fellowship in the College of Medical Quality and membership in the American College of Physicians, the American College of Physician Executives, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Spangler continues to be a distinguished leader in the medical community and a rolemodel for women in West Virginia and across the nation. She is a devoted contributor to her community and her state. Dr. Spangler is to be highly commended for her accomplishments and West Virginia is fortunate to have her as a leader in the health care community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 13, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes numbered 465, 466, and 467. Rollcall vote 465 was on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to SCONRES 26, a bill honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93. Rollcall vote 466 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3649, the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Amendments Act. Rollcall vote 467 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 276, the Wind Cave National Park Boundary Revision Act.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 465, 466, and 467.

ACKNOWLEDGING EUGENE P.  
SINCLAIR, M.D.

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge one of my constituents, Eugene P. Sinclair, M.D., as he completes his term as President of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, a 100 year old national professional organization currently representing over 39,000 anesthesiologists.

Founded in 1905, ASA is the predominant professional organization representing medically trained anesthesiologists. Since its founding, ASA has been the leader in the development of patient safety standards and guidelines for the delivery of safe patient care before, during and after surgery. The ASA's efforts on behalf of the specialty have been acknowledged by both the medical and lay press alike. Both The Institute of Medicine (IOM), in